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LACLEDE FAIR SEPTEMBER 24

Everybody Will Help to Make It the Best Ever
Held Here and All Will Be Welcome

The fair meeting in the park last Saturday afternoon was more largely attended than usual and everybody present was enthusiastically in favor of holding one this year. New officers were elected as follows: Geo. W. Anderson, president; H. C. Lomax, vice-president; May Jones, secretary and Hal W. Lomax, treasurer. This is a splendid corps of officers and every one is a hustler and is determined that the fair this year shall be the best ever.

But while the officers are willing to do their share, and more, it is not right to expect them to do all the work that must be done. Let us all do all we can to help make the fair this year one that we will be proud of. Our fairs are always successes, but this year we can do better than ever if we will all do what we can. Boost the fair. Help advertise it. Let's have the biggest crowds, the best displays in all departments and the best time we have ever had.

As everything is free, it will be necessary to raise the necessary money by subscription, so when the committee comes to you, respond liberally, and make this great event more your own affair. The more money raised, the bigger the premiums and the better the display. Do your part and it will encourage others to do theirs.

Those who wish to offer special premiums should see the secretary at once, so that their premiums may be published with the rest of the list, which will be printed within a few days.

Death of Mrs. H. S. George

Mrs. H. S. George of Gorham, Colo., who had been here some time caring for her father, the late J. A. Woollen, during his last illness at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Z. R. Kling on route one, died very suddenly of dilation of the heart at the home of her brother, Isaac Woollen, near Meadville last Friday, August 19, and was buried in Laclede cemetery Monday, funeral services being held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Woollen.

Mary Belle Woollen was born Aug. 12, 1854, and was married to H. S. George Aug. 18, 1875. To this union were born six sons, three of whom have gone before. A devoted husband, three sons, Ira of Boulder, Colo., Ralph of Cripple Creek, Colo., and Edwin of Gorham, Colo., three sisters, Mrs. Ella Dickhut of Fowler, Ill., Mrs. Lizzie Warner of Meadville and Mrs. Eva Kling of Laclede, and two brothers, W. F. Woollen of New London and Isaac Woollen of Meadville, are left to mourn her loss.

She was converted and joined the M. E. church in her youth and was one whom to know was to love. She had many friends here who sincerely mourn her untimely death and extend their sympathy to the sorrowing family.

Concrete Work

Concrete work of all kinds done in a neat and workmanlike manner. House raising and foundations a specialty. Always keep a stock of blocks on hand and can give you choice of faces. If you have concrete to mix, let me figure with you, as I can save you both time and money and do better work than hand mixing.

WAYNE ANDERSON.

Canning Compounds and Acids

From Wallace's Farmer, Des Moines, Ia.

In reply to a recent request for information on canning vegetables, one of our subscribers recommends the use of tartaric acid and another recommends the use of a commercial canning powder, which is one of a number that have been advertised in various mail order papers.

It might not be out of place to warn our readers against using canning compounds and powders, also the use of any acids which are used as a preservative. The use of tartaric acids in foodstuffs offered for sale is prohibited by the pure food laws. Medical authorities consider it injurious to the health. The same thing is true in a general way of any canning powder or fluid which acts as a preservative. These preservatives keep the food from spoiling, but they do it because they are germ killers. The only safe preservative, so far as we know, are the things our grandmothers used, which were heat and sugar. Any canning compound should be looked upon with very grave suspicion, and if there is any doubt, a sample of the compound and a statement of the facts should be forwarded to the food commissioner at the state capital, with request that he report on it. It is a very grave mistake to use a preservative to save a little time and labor at the time of canning and thus endanger the health of the whole family.

Burlington Railroad Adds New Libraries

The Burlington railroad today is installing in its library cars complete new libraries.

For some time past they have been making an exhaustive investigation of the question of libraries most suitable to the traveling public. About a years ago the road added books bearing the titles selected by Dr. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard university, for his "five-foot shelf," and after having kept a careful record for several months of the extent these books were called for, it was determined the library was not particularly adapted to the desires of those who travel, as the books are made up of what is commonly known as "hard reading."

After an investigation extending over several months, during which they secured the opinions of literary critics, newspaper men, and a large number of people who travel extensively, it was decided to adopt a library composed mostly of up-to-date short stories of foremost American, English and foreign authors. Each of the thirty short-story volumes contain stories by at least five authors. To this selection is added standard works of fiction and some solid reading, including twelve volumes of Shakespeare and the Bible.

The books comprising the so-called "five-foot shelf" will be removed and donated to a few public libraries along the line, where they will no doubt be found very useful.

M. E. Church Notes

Only five weeks to conference. The church looked lonely last Sabbath morning.

The Sunday school papers may be had by calling at the parsonage. Next Thursday night prayer-meeting will be held as usual, preparatory to the revival services to begin Sunday.

There will be a good band and good speakers at the prohibition picnic.

TOWN AND COUNTRY IN BRIEF

Local Events of The Past Week Recorded For
Busy Blade Readers.

The weather here the first of the week was extremely uncomfortable. Monday the thermometer reached 106 in the shade and Tuesday it reached 108, with a very light breeze and a high degree of humidity, making it almost impossible to do any work and very difficult to find a cool spot.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Bassett of Walnut, Kansas, are visiting relatives and friends in and near Laclede. Mr. Bassett says that crops are fine at Walnut and that all our old Laclede friends out there are well except C. B. Dagger, whose health has been very poor for a long time and who is now confined to his bed.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Spence and children, Miss Frances and Roy, of Fairfield, Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hilton, T. J. Welsh, Jules Hilton, Harold Standly and Ransler Baker spent last week at Rocky Ford club house. All report a good time and plenty of fish. The party dressed 63 fish while there, the largest catfish weighing 12 pounds.

The Meadville chautauqua is even better than usual this year and the crowds in attendance are correspondingly larger. Nearly two thousand people are tenting on the grounds, a large number of whom are from Laclede and Jefferson township. Many more have been driving back and forth every day and the attendance has been extremely good at every session. Great is the Meadville chautauqua.

Now is the time to renew your subscription—especially if you are delinquent. We prefer not to mail you a statement unless it is necessary, but we must have money at once. The subscription price is only a dollar a year in advance and it takes about 99 cents of that for expenses, which have to be paid in advance. For a short time longer we can give you the BLADE and the St. Louis Daily Times, one of the best evening dailies in the state, both one year for \$2.50.

Unmistakable English by the Horse Editor: "You men who have been yawping for good roads all these years are hereby commanded to vote right in November or forever hold your peace. One of the constitutional amendments proposes to levy a tax of 5 cents on the \$100 for a fund which is to be apportioned among the counties. The levy, it is estimated, will bring in \$700,000 a year. Most of it will come from the cities, which means that the farmer who votes against the amendment is not willing to have better roads even at the other fellow's expense. In spite of all this hot air and demagoguery on the road question, men everywhere are tumbling to the fact that no improvements can be expected until we are willing to pay the freight. And the sooner we go to it the better for all concerned. This 5c tax would be but a drop in the bucket, of course, but there are a lot of thirsty people in Missouri who will tell you a drop beats a drouth about a block."

Settlement Notice

All unpaid store accounts due me will be placed in the hands of a collector Sept. 1 for collection with cost added. Please arrange to settle at once and avoid costs. WM. KRAFT.

Shall We Have Electric Lights?

The city council has ordered a special election to vote on the question of bonding the city to put in an electric light "sub-station." The election will be held Friday, Sept. 9. This is one of the questions on which every citizen ought to have an opinion and one on which a full vote should be polled. Laclede has made great progress in the past few years in many ways. We have good granitoid walks almost everywhere, the park and cemetery are as beautiful and as well kept as they are anywhere in towns of this size, and the homes all show that the owners are progressive and take pride in keeping them up. The question now is simply whether or not we believe the time has come for us to take another step in the direction of progress. The time is sure to come when we must take this step, and it is for us to say whether we believe that time has arrived. If we think it has come, we should vote for the proposition; if not, we should vote against it. Decide one way or the other—and vote that way.

A Letter From Seattle

D. L. Slingerland, a former well known citizen of Laclede, writes from Seattle, Wash., to renew his subscription to the BLADE, and says: "It is now about ten years since we left Laclede, and many who were then our friends and fellow-citizens have made homes in other parts of our vast country, and not a few have crossed the dark river; still we have many ties of interest in the beautiful, quiet little city so well represented by the BLADE that we cannot get along without its weekly visits. "We are gratified to learn of the prosperity and progress that are shown in the improving and beautifying of the streets and homes that were once to us so familiar. Still more pleased are we to hear of the noble young men and women developed from the little boys and girls of a decade ago into characters of which Laclede may well be proud. It is thus the interests of religion, temperance and every needed reform will be furthered and strengthened by new reinforcements from the ranks of a young and vigorous manhood and womanhood. In the silent forces of church and school we shall look for the good time coming, when right and not might shall rule mankind, and the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man shall become a truth everywhere recognized."

Feed Prices Are Lower at Laclede Mill

Note these prices on feed at Laclede Mill:
Arms & Kidder high
patent flour.....\$1.40 per sack
Corn chops.....\$1.45 per cwt
White shorts..... 1.40 per cwt
Bran..... 1.25 per cwt
Corn and oats..... 1.40 per cwt
Corn, oats and bran. 1.40 per cwt
Ear or shelled corn... 75c per bu
Fresh bolted corn meal...2c per lb

For Sale

After Sept. 1 I will sell 300 good breeding ewes, 75 black-faced ewe lambs, 5 good Shropshire rams, all in a healthy, first-class condition. Also one U. S. cream separator, capacity 750 pounds, in good condition. G. E. BRUNS.

Laclede Mill is doing a fine business. Courteous treatment and prompt delivery.

Are you going to take the children to the circus?

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

Miscellaneous Items of All Kinds That May Be
of Interest to Our Readers

A big basket picnic will be held in the Laclede park next Tuesday, August 30, under the auspices of the county state-wide prohibition amendment association. The speakers will be Dr. John M. Fulton of New York and Judge William H. Wallace of Kansas City, two of the best speakers and most energetic prohibition workers in the United States. The local committees are hard at work preparing for a big time and there will probably be a large attendance. Everybody is invited to come and hear two splendid speeches and have a good time and bring your basket well filled.

Big Days for Laclede

Instead of one big day, Laclede will have three within the next month. Tuesday, August 30, is the date of the prohibition picnic, with Judge Wallace and Dr. Fulton as the attractions. Thursday, Sept. 8, the Campbell Bros. circus, one of the best on the road, will be here in their special trains of forty cars for two performances with a big free street parade. Last, biggest and best is the annual Jefferson township fair Saturday, Sept. 24, at which time the people of Linn and adjoining counties will see the best displays of farm products and fine horses, mules, cattle and hogs seen in this part of the state this year, along with some masterpieces of feminine handiwork in the departments devoted to the ladies. Everything will be free, as always at the great and inimitable Laclede fair, and everybody will be welcome.

Celebrates Eightieth Birthday

In honor of the eightieth birthday of Joseph Mathiasch, one of our oldest and most highly esteemed citizens, his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren met at his home in Laclede last Sunday and enjoyed a fine birthday dinner. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. John Peters and family of Chillicothe; Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Hunter and children of Brookfield and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mathiasch and sons of Laclede. In spite of his advanced age, Mr. Mathiasch is in fairly good health and his many friends expect him to be able to enjoy many more occasions of this kind.

Social at Sunny Point

The Anti-Horse Thief association will hold their annual ice cream supper at Sunny Point school house on Wednesday evening of next week. Everybody is invited to attend, and they always have a good time. The order has not lost a member in the past year and one or more new members have been initiated at every meeting, there being three to be taken in at the next regular meeting.

Opening of School Postponed

On account of the extreme heat and the illness of Miss Jardine, assistant in the high school, who is recovering from an attack of typhoid fever, the Laclede public schools will open Monday, September 12, one week later than had been planned. Parents should arrange to have their children ready for school on the opening day, two weeks from next Monday.

Laclede gets the big circus this time.

Coming to the Laclede fair?